



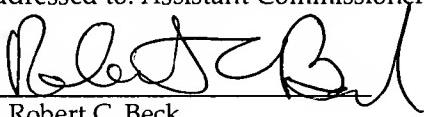
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

7. A method of removing particulate debris from a vessel using a catheter assembly the method comprising:

inserting and advancing a sheath having a discharge lumen to a location in the vessel said delivery sheath discharge lumen coupled to a collection vessel; said sheath partially blocking the vessel but not totally blocking the vessel;